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ALIEN INVASION | SNAKEHEAD REVISITED



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IT'S BAAACK: The Northern snakehead, which can travel on land and destroy entire ecosystems, has resurfaced, this time at Pine Lake in Montgomery County's Wheaton Regional Park. A Silver Spring man caught this 19-inch one Monday. ♦ **Good sign:** No trace of more snakeheads | Page 8

Absent-Minded May Need Iron

STATE COLLEGE, PA. | Young women who have trouble concentrating might just need more iron in their diets, researchers say.

Women in a Penn State study who were iron-deficient performed significantly worse on memory and attention tests than healthy women, and an iron supplement was all it took to correct the problem.

Iron, an oxygen-carrying component of blood, is especially important for women, whose bodies absorb less iron than men and lose it more frequently because of blood loss during menstruation.

Doctors have long known that anemia brought on by iron deficiency can cause fatigue, irritability and difficulty concentrating. But most research on less-severe iron deficiency has been limited to children, said Lisa Ritchie, director of the dietetics program at Harding University in Searcy, Ark.

The study found that women ages 18 to 35 suffered many of the same effects from iron deficiency. Women who did poorly in tests to gauge attention and memory performed as well as the others after they increased their iron intake. LAURAN NEERGAARD (AP)



SURVIVORS | Bear Battle A 15-year-old boy from Barrow, Alaska, on a wilderness expedition for troubled youths woke up to find an angry 400-pound brown bear sitting at his feet. He tried to slip away, but the bear lunged at him, biting his forearm and torso.

The boy decided to fight back, telling counselors he punched the bear more than a half-dozen times to get loose. He alerted an adult, who used flares and pepper spray to scare the bear off. The boy was treated for puncture wounds, then released. (AP) **EyeOpeners** | Page 2

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Fight for Fallujah Continues

U.S.-Iraqi patrols into city delayed by ongoing violence

FALLUJAH, IRAQ | U.S. warplanes pounded Fallujah with 500-pound laser-guided bombs Wednesday and Marines battled insurgents near a train station and in neighborhoods that had seemed to be quieting. American forces decided to delay potentially dangerous patrols into the besieged city.

The violence, carried on live television, came as the United States was under increasing international pressure to prevent a revival of the bloodshed seen in the city during the first two weeks of April.



Annan

"Violent military action by an occupying power against inhabitants of an occupied country will only make matters worse," U.N. Secretary-General Kofi Annan said. "It's definitely time, time now for those who prefer restraint and dialogue to make their voices heard."

Commanders in Iraq said the Marines were responding to guerrilla attacks and that the military was sticking to a more than two-week-old halt in offensive operations to allow negotiations.

Late in the day, the U.S. officials announced that Marine patrols into the city due to start Thursday had been delayed a day. The United States decided over the weekend to send in the patrols of Marines and Iraqi security forces to establish a semblance of control. But with tensions rising, Marines moving on foot through the city streets would almost inevitably draw guerrilla attacks — which could then trigger heavier fighting. JASON KEYSER (AP)

EyeOpeners



ANIMAL WATCH

A Little off the Top

Shrek the hermit ram took six years to grow his massive fleece, but a champion shearer in Wellington, New Zealand, clipped it off in just 20 minutes Wednesday during a live television broadcast in this nation of 4 million people and 42 million sheep. Named "Shrek" after the troll from the animated film, the merino sheep had been on the lam and living in mountain caves for six years after escaping from his domestic flock. Shrek's wool — more than 60 pounds of it — will be auctioned on the Internet, with proceeds used for a "Cure Kids" cancer campaign in New Zealand. (AP)

SNAPSHOT Holy Flamingoes!

A trip to the zoo can be an exciting experience all-around, but for second-grader Philip Shaw, left, and first-grader Aaron Wallace, the flamingoes were clearly a prime attraction. The 8-year-olds from Wilkinson Elementary School in Sarasota, Fla., had their jaw-dropping encounter Tuesday while peering at a flock of flamingoes during a visit to the Sarasota Jungle Gardens. (EXPRESS)



HONORS

Roo the Day

A kangaroo in Canberra, Australia, will receive a valor award for rescuing a farmer who was knocked unconscious by a falling tree limb, Australia's national animal protection society said Wednesday. Lulu, a 4-year-old eastern gray kangaroo, raised a ruckus that brought family

members to Len Richards's rescue after he was knocked cold on his cattle ranch in September. The Royal Society



for the Prevention of Cruelty to Animals (RSPCA) Australia will present Lulu with the Australian Animal Valor Award next month. (AP)

EMPLOYMENT

Call of the Cape

Massachusetts business leaders, faced with a looming shortage of summer workers, are hitting the beaches — of the U.S. Virgin Islands. Rep. William Delahunt, D-Mass., headed a delegation Monday to meet with local officials there to discuss ways to identify workers who could fill seasonal jobs on Cape

Cod. "With Memorial Day around the corner, this is now a matter of hour-by-hour urgency that cries out for creativity," Delahunt said. "We share two things with the Virgin Islands: a first-rate tourism industry and staggering offseason unemployment." Since the Virgin Islands is a U.S. territory, workers do not need a visa to travel and work in the United States. (AP)

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In Brief

WASHINGTON

U.S. Charges 4 Under New Law Against Spam E-mails

U.S. authorities charged four people in Detroit on Wednesday with e-mailing fraudulent sales pitches for weight-loss products, the first criminal prosecutions under the government's new "can spam" legislation. They were accused of disguising their identities in hundreds of thousands of e-mail sales pitches. (AP)

SAN FRANCISCO

Calif. High Court to Hear Gay Marriage Challenge

The California Supreme Court plans to hear oral arguments May 25 on whether San Francisco's mayor had the authority to issue same-sex marriage licenses. The seven-member court said Wednesday it would devote two hours to the arguments. The high court stopped gay marriages at San Francisco's City Hall last month after 4,000 gays were wed, pending the outcome of the legal challenges. (AP)

WASHINGTON

House Passes Bill to Cut Taxes for Married Couples

The House voted Wednesday to lower taxes for some married couples, part of an election-year push to lock in some of President Bush's most popular tax cuts. The bill, passed 323-95, would permanently change three parts of tax law that cause some married couples to pay higher taxes than they would as single individuals. The bill must still be approved by the Senate before it becomes law. (AP)

Court Mulls Detention of U.S. Citizens

Hears cases of men held as 'enemy combatants'

WASHINGTON | The war on terrorism gives the government power to seize Americans and hold them without charges for as long as it takes to ensure they are not a danger to the nation, the Bush administration told the Supreme Court on Wednesday.

Lawyers for two men detained by the government argued in reply that fighting terrorists cannot mean a president has unchecked authority to snatch U.S. citizens and hold them without a chance to plead their case.

Two-and-a-half years after the Sept. 11 jetliner attacks that killed thousands, the nation's highest court considered far-reaching

questions about civil liberties, law and America's security in a changed world. By their words in court, a majority of justices seemed to give at least qualified support to the Bush administration.

The justices heard two cases about U.S. citizens being held as "enemy combatants." Yaser Esam Hamdi was born in Baton Rouge, but grew up in the Middle East. Jose Padilla was born in Brooklyn and raised in Chicago.



Hamdi

The American-born men, like foreign fighters also labeled enemy combatants and held abroad, have been in near solitary confinement, without access to courts, lawyers or the outside world.



Padilla

Only in the past month, with the Supreme Court about to hear their cases, have they been allowed to meet with lawyers.

The back-to-back arguments Wednesday were the last of the current Supreme Court term. The justices are expected to rule in the Hamdi and Padilla cases by July. ANNE GEARAN (AP)

ON THE DOCKET

On its final day hearing cases before the summer recess, the Supreme Court:

→ **Ruled** clean-air regulators in California did not have the right to impose rules requiring private vehicles to use engines that burn clean fuel and produce low emissions.

→ **Upheaved** a Republican-drawn redistricting plan for Pennsylvania. Justice Antonin Scalia, writing for the majority, said he would "decline to adjudicate these political gerrymandering claims" from other states as well.

CHOPPER CRASH | TRAGIC FIND

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SEARCH ENDS: Chief Warrant Officer Robert Hamaker surveys the scene of a wrecked helicopter near Dillon, S.C., on Wednesday. The Fort Bragg, N.C.-based Blackhawk crashed late Monday night near a bridge off Interstate 95, killing all three crew members. It was spotted by a truck driver Tuesday night.

Bush, Cheney to Testify Before 9/11 Commission

WASHINGTON | President Bush has a good idea of the questions he'll face and who will ask the toughest ones when he steps into the Oval Office on Thursday to talk privately with the commission investigating the Sept. 11 attacks. His central theme is expected to be that he had no hint about when or where terrorists would strike.

The White House said the session would not be adversarial. "This isn't something where it's a game of gotcha," spokesman Scott McClellan said Wednesday.

Bush and Vice President Dick Cheney will meet jointly with the

commission beginning at 9:30 a.m. for what is expected to be several hours of questions. White House counsel Alberto Gonzales and two members of his staff also will be present.

Unlike the commission's televised hearings that produced some sharp exchanges, Thursday's meeting will not have cameras or a stenographer in the room and there will not be any record of what was said beyond note-taking.

TERENCE HUNT (AP)

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Nation

3 Teens Die in Minn. Caves

Caverns sealed after deaths from carbon monoxide poisoning

ST. PAUL, MINN. | A labyrinth of caves left by 1800s sandstone miners along the Mississippi River has long been a forbidden and sometimes deadly thrill for teenagers, who ignore the keep-out signs and thwart the city's efforts to seal off the passages.

On Tuesday, the caves again proved lethal: Three teens died, apparently of carbon monoxide poisoning, perhaps from a fire smoldering inside the caverns.

Killed were Nicholas Lee Larson, Natalie Lorraine Vanvorst and Patrick Gerard Dague, all 17. A 17-year-old boy was rescued and his condition was upgraded Wednesday from critical to serious. A fourth boy escaped and alerted authorities.

Fire Chief Douglas Holton said the teens entered through a small opening, about 3 by 5 feet. Once inside, they could stand up, he said. The dead were found about 600 feet in.

At least five other people have died in the caves in the past two



Rescuers remove one of three teenagers who died of apparent carbon monoxide poisoning Tuesday from a cave in St. Paul, Minn., near the Mississippi River.

decades.

Over the years, the city has tried to keep people out by posting warning signs, boarding up openings with plywood, piling up sand in the entrances, and dumping thousands of tons of construction

debris from razed buildings in the passages to fill them up.

On Wednesday, dirt, boulders and fresh-cut logs were piled up in front of the entrance that the victims used, in a fresh attempt to keep people out. PATRICK HOWE (AP)



BY THE NUMBERS: Nearly three-fourths of Americans polled said school integration has improved the quality of education for black students, a poll conducted for the Associated Press by Ipsos-Public Affairs said. (AP)

CBS Airs Photos Showing Alleged Abuse of Iraqis

NEW YORK | U.S. military police stacked Iraqi prisoners in a human pyramid, and attached wires to one detainee to convince him he might be electrocuted, according to photographs obtained by CBS News which led to criminal charges against six American soldiers.

CBS said the photos, shown Wednesday night on "60 Minutes II," were taken late last year at Abu Ghraib prison near Baghdad, where American soldiers were holding hundreds of prisoners captured during the invasion and occupation of Iraq.

In March, the U.S. Army announced that six members of the 800th Military Police Brigade

faced court martial for allegedly abusing about 20 prisoners at Abu Ghraib. The charges included dereliction of duty, cruelty and maltreatment, assault and indecent acts with another person.

One picture, according to CBS, shows an Iraqi prisoner who was told to stand on a box with his head covered and wires attached to his hands. CBS said the prisoner was told that if he fell off the box, he would be electrocuted.

In another photograph, CBS said, prisoners' bodies were stacked in a pyramid, and one man had a slur written in English on his skin.

DAVID CRARY (AP)

Gore Gives \$6M From 2000 Bid To Democrats

WASHINGTON | Al Gore, drawing from his 2000 campaign accounts, said Wednesday he will donate more than \$6 million to five Democratic Party groups and help John Kerry fight President Bush's "outrageous and misleading" re-election bid.

The former vice president pledged to donate \$4 million to the Democratic National Committee. The party's Senate and House committees each will get \$1 million.

Most of the money comes from Gore's general election legal and accounting compliance fund. Gore could not transfer or donate the money directly to the Kerry campaign. But by transferring it to the DNC and other committees, restrictions under which the money was originally raised would no longer be in effect, Federal Election Commission officials said. (AP)

In Brief

KOREAN PENINSULA

S. Korean Ship Heads North With Aid for Blast Victims

A South Korean ship brimming with emergency supplies sailed Wednesday for North Korea as part of a massive effort to help thousands of people injured or left homeless in last week's deadly train explosion. The North rejected Seoul's offer to truck supplies overland, across the heavily fortified border separating the rivals, delaying the supplies' arrival by several days. (AP)

GREAT BRITAIN

Sailors With Safety Concerns Allowed to Leave Submarine

Eleven sailors on a British nuclear submarine expressed fears about its safety and were allowed to leave the vessel, the Defense Ministry said Wednesday. The crewmen on the HMS Trafalgar were not facing disciplinary action, a spokesman said, adding that the navy was "totally confident" of the vessel's safety. (AP)

PAKISTAN

Pakistan to Reduce Size Of Army by 50,000 Soldiers

For the first time, Pakistan will reduce the size of its army, but officials said Wednesday the planned reduction by 50,000 men will not hurt fighting strength. Pakistan has an army of more than 500,000 soldiers and spends about 20 percent of its \$14 billion budget on defense. The huge burden of the armed forces on Pakistan's finances has been largely justified by enmity with larger neighbor India, but tensions have eased in recent months. (AP)

Marines Tailor Fighting in Fallujah

Troops decide not to patrol dangerous area at center of volatile city

FALLUJAH, IRAQ | In the ancient slum at Fallujah's heart, Marines rely on high-tech equipment, night vision and the fearsome AC-130 gunship. But their Sunni foes have their own advantages — the labyrinth of alleyways that offer deadly ambush sites shielded by a civilian population.

The Golan slum, home to some 40,000 people, has seen three days of intense combat, with Marines fighting mainly from the air with precision weapons. If they enter in force, it will mean deadly urban warfare. U.S. forces are so concerned that when Marines begin moving through Fallujah on patrols with U.S.-trained Iraqi security forces on Friday, they will skip Golan.

"They're so butt-up against the bad guys right now that to try to do a joint patrol would probably just be an invitation to get guys shot up," said Marine Lt. Col. Brennan Byrne, who commands a battalion based in the city's southern industrial zone.

But U.S. forces will eventually have to deal with it. The neighborhood is at the heart of the command structure of guerrillas throughout the city west of Baghdad, said Byrne.

Marines say a key concern is to avoid harming civilians wedged in the middle. To fight the insurgents but keep casualties down, U.S. forces have turned to the air,



Marines tell women and children to leave during a house-to-house search near Fallujah Wednesday. One Iraqi insurgent was killed during the operation.

OTHER DEVELOPMENTS

- A U.S. soldier was killed in an ambush Tuesday near the northern city of Tel Afar, the military reported. The death brought to 116 the number of Americans killed in combat this month, the bloodiest month for U.S. forces.
- Saddam Hussein's 67th birthday passed without any appar-

ent signs of celebration in his hometown of Tikrit, where residents said U.S. soldiers ordered schools and universities closed.

- Gunmen ambushed a Ukrainian convoy outside the southern city of Kut. One Ukrainian was killed and two were wounded, officials said.

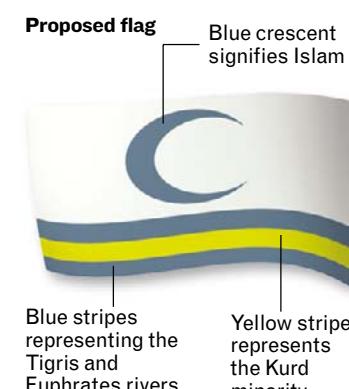
using laser-guided bombs and other munitions to hammer at insurgents holed up in buildings.

Byrne said computers can calculate which weapon to use on a target while satellite technology can help "drop a bomb literally on top of that bottle of water." Night-vision goggles and laser-guided bombs that

follow a laser beam to their target make it possible to pick off snipers and gunmen or crush a single house in a block of buildings. "Virtually everything we shoot, we shoot precision," Byrne said. JASON KEYSER (AP)

Iraq Fine Tunes Flag

Iraq's Governing Council presented a design for a new national flag darkening the blue from the first proposal. The flag released earlier this week drew criticism because its light blue color was reminiscent of the flag of Israel.



Saddam-era flag



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World

Thai Police Rout Militants

Islamic fighters rise up in Muslim south; 107 killed after failed raids

PATTANI, THAILAND | A heap of bodies in a bullet-scarred mosque attested to a sharp and sudden upsurge of separatist violence Wednesday in Thailand's Muslim south.

While the prime minister said the issues involved were strictly local, some tied the clashes to the country's support for the war in Iraq. Thailand has about 450 troops in Iraq and has cooperated closely in efforts to catch terrorists in Southeast Asia.

Police said they shot and killed 107 Islamic fighters — including 32 inside the mosque — after repelling attacks by hundreds of militants.

The violence began when the militants, mostly teenagers, stormed about 15 police stations and government buildings in three provinces. Three police and two soldiers were killed in the attacks, officials said.

Prime Minister Thaksin Shinawatra said the militants' defeat would help end an Islamic insur-



Thai policemen stand over the bodies of suspected Islamic militants in southern Thailand Wednesday. At least 112 people were killed when police fought militants who raided security outposts in the Muslim-dominated south, officials said.

gency that has simmered for decades in this Buddhist nation's impoverished south.

Muslims, 5 percent of Thailand's 64 million people, are a majority in the thin southern peninsula. They have long complained of religious

and economic repression by the central government in Bangkok.

Thaksin insisted no foreign terrorists were involved, though the area is believed to have been used as a hiding place for militants linked to al Qaeda. ALISA TANG (AP)

Outsiders: Police and security sources said the attackers were Muslim separatists with links to militants from outside the country | Today's Post: Section A

Spanish Judge Indicts Fugitive on 9/11 Charges

Moroccan wanted for Madrid rail bombings tied to attacks in U.S.

MADRID, SPAIN | A Moroccan fugitive sought in connection with the March 11 train bombings in Madrid was indicted Wednesday on charges of helping to plan the Sept. 11 attacks in the United States — the first suspect linked to both attacks.

Amer Azizi, 36, helped organize a July 2001 meeting in northeast Spain that key plotters in the U.S. attacks, including Mohamed Atta, used to finalize details, Judge Baltasar Garzon said in the indictment.

Azizi also was included in an indictment Garzon handed down

last September against al Qaeda leader Osama bin Laden and 34 other terror suspects. Bin Laden and nine others were charged with planning the Sept. 11 attacks, while Azizi was charged then with belonging to a terrorist organization.

In the new indictment, Azizi is charged with multiple counts of murder for helping to plan the Sept. 11 attacks. Azizi provided lodging for people who attended the July 2001 meeting and acted as a courier, passing on messages between plotters, Garzon said in the indictment.

Garzon said the new indictment is based on information provided by officials in Britain, Turkey and the United States. MARIA JESUS PRADES (AP)

Palestinian Peace Campaigner Briefly Detained in Israel

JERUSALEM | Israeli police arrested and briefly detained prominent Palestinian peace campaigner Sari Nusseibeh on Wednesday, saying he illegally employed Palestinians at the university he heads.

Nusseibeh, who was released on \$1,100 bail after five hours in custody, said he had done nothing wrong.

There are hundreds of thousands of illegal foreign workers in Israel, and Israeli peace activists complained that police would never have arrested an Israeli for illegally hiring Palestinian workers.

Nusseibeh has been promoting a peace plan he put together with Ami Ayalon, former chief of Israel's Shin Bet security service. The two have collected tens of thousands of signatures in support of the plan. (AP)



BY THE NUMBERS: At least 100,000 health workers are needed to distribute anti-AIDS drugs in Africa, where 70% of the world's HIV/AIDS sufferers live, the head of the World Health Organization said Wednesday. (AP)

Study: Quality Of Korean Autos Greatly Improved

AUTOMOBILES | The average quality of new cars and trucks improved significantly in the past year, but no one fared better than once-suspect Korean brands, which for the first time topped domestic and European automakers in initial quality, according to a study of 2004 models released Wednesday.

Led by Hyundai, Korean-branded vehicles have reduced initial quality problems by 57 percent in the past six years — dropping from 272 problems per 100 vehicles in 1998 to 117 problems per 100 vehicles this year, according to the annual report from J.D. Power and Associates.

Toyota Motor Sales USA repeated as the company with the highest overall initial quality, with 101 problems per 100 vehicles — 18 fewer than the industry average.

Toyota's Lexus brand was again tops among all nameplates with 87 problems per 100 vehicles — six fewer than No. 2 Cadillac. (AP)

SOUNDNESS CHECK

Number of problems reported per 100 vehicles, according to the annual report from J.D. Power and Associates:

- III Japanese brands
- II7 Korean brands
- I22 European brands
- I23 Domestic brands

Comcast Drops Its Bid for Disney

No. 1 cable provider's stockholders objected to upping \$54B offer

MEDIA | Cable giant Comcast Corp. dropped its two-month-old unsolicited bid for The Walt Disney Co. on Wednesday after being rebuffed by Disney and encountering resistance from its own shareholders.

The offer, originally valued at \$54 billion, was rejected by Disney as too low, while Comcast investors clearly objected to a new, higher bid that would have diluted the value of their shares.

"We have always been disciplined in our approach to acquisitions," said Brian L. Roberts, president and chief executive of Comcast.

Markets Tumble on Iraq, Mideast News

MARKETS | Rising concern over violence in the Middle East gave investors yet another reason to sell Wednesday, sending the Dow down 135 points despite another batch of solid earnings reports.

An attack in Syria that killed four people Tuesday and the continuing violence in Iraq intensified the foul mood that has sent stocks lower for more than two weeks.

"Being disciplined means knowing when it is time to walk away. That time is now."

The nation's largest cable provider said it would look for other growth opportunities. Disney promised to stay the course with its current management.

Comcast stunned the industry Feb. 11 when it offered to buy the media and entertainment powerhouse. It made its offer as Disney faced attack from dissident board members after several years of disappointing financial results.

Comcast executives expressed little interest in renewing their Disney bid in the future. (AP)



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Market Action

New York Stock Exchange

Gainers

STOCK	LAST	DAILY CHANGE	DAILY PERCENT CHANGE
Plantron	39.34	+6.39	+19.4
OreStl	7.77	+1.03	+15.3
Alpharma	24.00	+3.10	+14.8
WolvTub	12.03	+1.49	+14.1
Mykrois	14.85	+1.52	+11.4

Losers

NortelNw	4.05	-1.59	-28.2
ThreeFSs	5.55	-1.24	-18.3
NamTais	19.14	-2.79	-12.7
DoverMot	4.16	-.59	-12.4
Coeur	4.52	-.61	-11.9

Rates

	CURRENT	PREVIOUS WEEK	TODAY	PREVIOUS DAY	YEAR AGO
Prime Rate	4.00	4.00	.5640	.5583	.6290
Fed Funds close	1.00	1.00	Canadian Dollar	1.3695	1.3511
3-month	0.97	0.97	European Euro	.8452	.8381
2-year	2.25	2.17	Japanese Yen	109.94	109.42
10-year	4.50	4.43	Mexican Peso	11.3070	11.2700
30-year	5.29	5.23	Taiwanese Dollar	33.08	33.04

NASDAQ Stock Market

Gainers

STOCK	LAST	DAILY CHANGE	DAILY PERCENT CHANGE
Phazar	8.63	+3.37	+64.1
Feathrlite	5.66	+1.99	+54.2
CSP	8.14	+2.04	+33.4
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PerfTech	12.99	-6.18	-32.2
Candela s	11.55	-.534	-31.6
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Corio	2.78	-.78	-21.9

Currency (Dollars in foreign currency)

	British Pound	TODAY	PREVIOUS DAY	YEAR AGO
Canadian Dollar	1.3695	1.3511	1.4505	
European Euro	.8452	.8381	.9106	
Japanese Yen	109.94	109.42	120.42	
Mexican Peso	11.3070	11.2700	10.3720	
Taiwanese Dollar	33.08	33.04	34.93	

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Snakehead Caught in Md.

Montgomery County officials plan to drain lake after discovery

WHEATON, MD. | A Montgomery County lake will be drained as early as Thursday after an angler caught a Northern snakehead in its waters this week, the same voracious non-native fish that infested a Crofton, Md., pond two years ago.

State officials said the 19-inch fish, a hardy species that can travel on land and eats so much it can destroy an ecosystem, was pulled out of Pine Lake in Wheaton Regional Park Monday afternoon.

Biologists from the state

Department of Natural Resources used electric shocks Tuesday to check the lake and did not find any other snakeheads. Wire mesh was placed over the pipe that leads out of the lake to prevent any that may remain from escaping.

The fish is believed to be about 4 years old, but how long it had been in the lake, how it got there and whether it is a male or female is not known, said Steve Early, assistant fisheries director for DNR.

Early said the state does not consider it to be a serious environmental threat, because only one snakehead was found and it is not yet spawning season for the fish.

STEPHEN MANNING (AP)



The DNR's Early with the Snakehead.

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Evening DC 4	I-8-3-1
Quick Cash	36-4-2-26-22-23
Hot Five	27-9-4-24-31

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Evening Pick 4

2-4-6-9

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Mid-day Pick 4 (Wed.)	2-0-7-7
Evening Pick 4 (Tues.)	9-0-8-7
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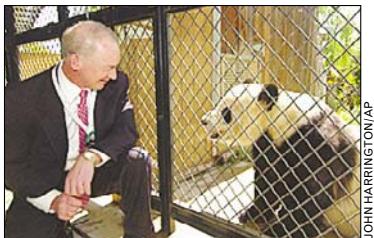
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Local

Zoo Starts Work on New Panda Home

WASHINGTON | Two of the most-watched celebrities in America's capital have acquired a huge new chunk of real estate, complete with tasty bamboo and waterfalls.

Giant pandas Mei Xiang and Tian Tian currently have 17,500 square feet of stomping ground at the Smithsonian's National Zoo. Officials broke ground Wednesday on the new Giant Panda Habitat which will nearly double that space. By 2006, the animals will be able to tumble down a slide, lounge on



Freimuth chats with Tian Tian at the zoo.

cooling rocks and chomp bamboo while foggers spew mist to mimic the climate of China's mountains.

The new habitat also makes

room for panda cubs. Scientists say Mei Xiang could become pregnant this year.

"Who wouldn't want to enjoy a 55-degree, water-cooled grotto during the heat of a Washington summer?" said Stanley Freimuth, executive vice president and chief operating officer of Fuji Photo Film U.S.A., which donated \$7.8 million to build the new panda area.

It is the first step in a 10-year, \$34 million renovation plan — the most expensive in the zoo's history. (AP)

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Sports

Jockeys Say They Might Skip Derby

Riders await decision from judge on wearing advertisements in race

KENTUCKY DERBY | Jockeys John Velazquez and Jose Santos said Wednesday they might not ride in the Kentucky Derby, depending on a judge's ruling on whether they can wear ads during the race.

A group of jockeys challenged the state law banning advertising, promotional or cartoon symbols, arguing it violates the First Amendment. In a second suit, the jockeys argued they should also be allowed to wear a patch with the name of their union, the 1,100-member Jockeys' Guild.

The jockeys want U.S. District Judge John Heyburn to block the state law. The judge delayed his decision until Thursday.

Velazquez and Santos, who are part of the advertising lawsuit, want to wear ads despite a threat that officials would escort them off the

racetrack if they do so.

"If we will be escorted out of the racetrack, there will be no Kentucky Derby, put it that way," Velazquez said on ESPN's "Cold Pizza."

Velazquez is set to ride Pollard's Vision in the Derby, and Santos will be aboard Limehouse.

If the two men don't ride, substitute jockeys could be assigned. It was not clear if other jockeys also would not ride. **BETH HARRIS (AP)**

THE LINE

Following Wednesday's post drawings, oddsmakers installed favorites for Saturday's Kentucky Derby:

► **The Cliff's Edge** was made the slight 4-1 favorite for the Kentucky Derby and drew the No. 11 post Wednesday. A field of 20 3-year-olds was entered for the 1.25-mile race, with undefeated Arkansas Derby winner Smarty Jones the second choice at 9-2. Tapit was the third choice at 8-1. **(AP)**



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ITALO BANCHERO/AP

ENCORE: Roberto Baggio's fans show a huge jersey of the Italian soccer star prior to the start of the friendly soccer match between Italy and Spain in Genoa, Italy, on Wednesday. Baggio was called up to the national team for the first time in five years. Italy and Spain tied the match 1-1.

TODAY'S TV LINEUP

PRO BASKETBALL (8 p.m. on TNT) Detroit can win its series over Milwaukee with a win in Game 5 in Detroit.

PRO BASKETBALL (10:30 p.m. on TNT) Dallas tries to stay alive in its playoff series with Sacramento with a victory.

BASEBALL (3 p.m. on Comcast) Baltimore tries to end its home stand on a good

note when playing Seattle.

PRO HOCKEY (7 p.m. on ESPN) Tampa Bay will sweep Montreal with a victory in Game 4 of their playoff series.

PRO HOCKEY (10 p.m. on ESPN2) Calgary can put Detroit in a 3-1 hole with a win in Game 4 of the Western Conference semifinal.

In Brief

BOXING

King Barred From N.J. Casinos

Boxing promoter Don King was barred Wednesday from doing business with New Jersey casinos for at least a year. But the state Casino Control Commission balked at imposing a five-year ban to punish him for exploiting a loophole that allows promoters to stage fights while their license applications are pending. **(AP)**

RATINGS

NFL Draft Ratings Dwarf Audience for NBA Playoffs

Watch the NFL draft or NBA dunks? For most viewers, the answer was easy: go with the picks over the playoffs. ESPN's seven-hour coverage of the draft's first day on Saturday (noon-7 p.m. EDT) was seen in an average of nearly 3.4 million households, generating a 3.8 cable rating. In contrast, TNT's coverage of first-round NBA playoff games between Miami and New Orleans, and Detroit and Milwaukee drew a 1.0 rating and the Pistons-Bucks game drew a 1.6. **(AP)**

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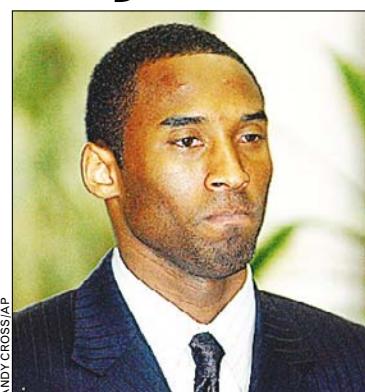
Bryant to Enter Plea on May 10

EAGLE, COLO. | The judge in the Kobe Bryant case set a May 10 arraignment date Wednesday for the NBA star to formally enter a plea in his high-profile sexual assault case.

State District Judge Terry Ruckriegle granted a prosecution request to have a plea entered and said he would like to do it Wednesday. But he said he needed to give the media time to file a request to have a camera in the courtroom for the procedure.

Bryant, 25, is accused of raping a 19-year-old employee at a Vail-area resort last June. Bryant, who has said he and the woman had consensual sex, would face four years to life in prison or 20 years to life on probation if he is convicted.

The arraignment was set as a three-day pretrial hearing wound



Kobe Bryant was set to play in the Lakers game after court on Wednesday.

down without resolution of two key issues: whether the accuser's sexual history can be used against her at trial and a defense request to dismiss evidence that includes a hospital exam of the NBA star. JON SARCHE (AP)

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	W	L	PCT.	GB	HOME	ROAD
Boston	12	6	.667	—	5-3	7-3
Baltimore	10	8	.556	2	5-6	5-2
New York	9	11	.450	4	4-5	5-6
Tampa Bay	7	10	.412	4.5	5-5	2-5
Toronto	7	13	.350	6	1-8	6-5

	W	L	PCT.	GB	HOME	ROAD
Minnesota	13	7	.650	—	8-3	5-4
Chicago	11	8	.579	1.5	6-4	5-4
Detroit	11	9	.550	2	5-5	6-4
Cleveland	8	12	.400	5	4-5	4-7
Kansas City	6	12	.333	6	5-5	1-7

	W	L	PCT.	GB	HOME	ROAD
Anaheim	12	8	.600	—	4-5	8-3
Texas	12	8	.600	—	7-3	5-5
Oakland	10	10	.500	2	4-5	6-5
Seattle	7	13	.350	5	4-6	3-7

NATIONAL LEAGUE

	W	L	PCT.	GB	HOME	ROAD
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Pittsburgh	8	10	.444	3	3-6	5-4

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Los Angeles	12	7	.632	—	6-4	6-3
San Diego	12	9	.571	1	7-4	5-5
Arizona	9	11	.450	3.5	6-5	3-6
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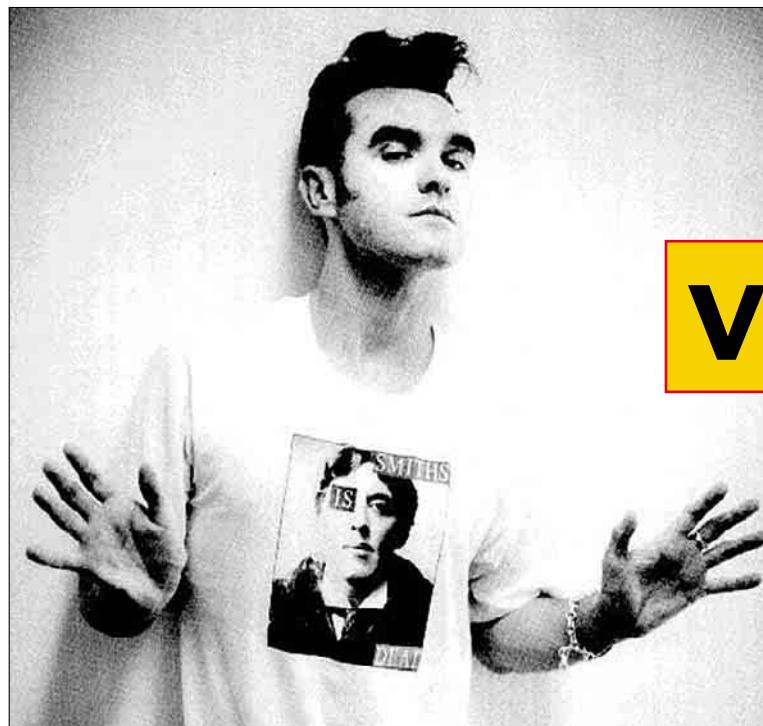
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BOYS DON'T CRY: Morrissey, left, has the advantages of a literary education and ambiguous sexuality, but Smith takes the lead in Goth glamour and impressive bedhead.

MORRISSEY: SIRE RECORDS; SMITH: CHRIS PIZZELLO/AP

Top Stops

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All Grown Up: Bouncing Souls

Four New Jersey high-school kids started a band to meet chicks and make noise, and ended up reviving the form they used to ape in the garage. Bouncing Souls are turning slick, cynical punk-pop into a real art form — a real aggressive art form, but still.

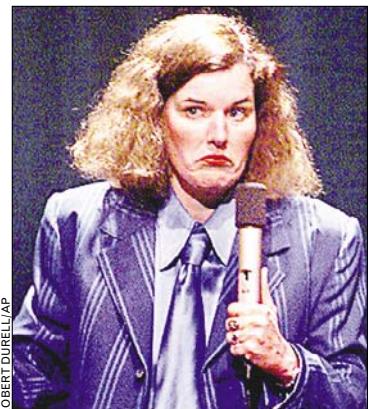
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Funny Suits Her: Paula Poundstone

We gotta give Paula Poundstone props; the broad-shouldered comedian bounced back from a tough time, is a contributing editor at Mother Jones, a semi-regular on NPR's "Wait Wait Don't Tell Me" and continues to bring her wry observational zingers to chucklers everywhere.

Birchmere Music Hall, 3701 Mt. Vernon Ave., Alexandria; Fri., April 30, 7:30 p.m., \$35; 703-549-7500.

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ROBERT DURELL/AP
Poundstone cracks on the little things, like Pop Tarts, parking, taxes, cigars.

Weep to the Beat

When heaven knows you're miserable now, you might as well dance

OUT & ABOUT | Back in the day, there was no disputing who held the title of Lord of the Lachrymose: Johnnie Ray sent "Cry" to the top of the pop charts for 11 weeks in 1951-52, and the Oregon-born crooner was said to bawl his eyes out on cue every night.

In the '80s the crybaby crown passed across the Atlantic, but two pretenders — Robert Smith and Morrissey — vied for the throne. The battle rages still.

At the Black Cat mainstage Saturday night, DJ Steve EP, Mellie

Mel and Krasty McNasty present Cryfest, the latest in a series of dance parties that pits the Cure against the Smiths.

It's not clear that Smith ever had much truck with Ray, but Morrissey was so enamored of the partially deaf singer's style that he affected a hearing aid as part of his onstage getup on Top of the Pops.

There's nothing like a sad song to make the mopiest miserabilist feel that his pain goes not unheard. Both bands recently placed songs in the upper reaches of BBC 6 Music's poll

of Songs That Saved Your Life.

The Cure's "Pictures of You," off 1989's "Disintegration," hit the No. 4 spot. It was bettered by R.E.M.'s "Everybody Hurts" and, in a bit of a headscratcher, Bowling for Soup's "Girl All the Bad Guys Want." But firmly ensconced in the top slot were Moz and Co., with "I Know It's Over," off 1986's "The Queen Is Dead."

There's little doubt both songs are taken deeply to heart by their fans. Longtime riders of Metro's Red Line will recall that some tortured graffiti writer once scrawled

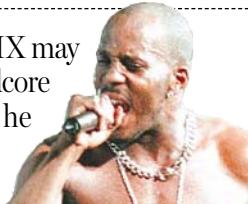
a cri de coeur cribbed from "I Know It's Over": "She needs you more than she loves YOU," read the wall of a building near the Takoma stop. As the years passed, it was slowly blotted out by other messages.

And Cure watchers are sure to have noticed that the theme song of Hewlett-Packard's new "YOU + HP" digital-photography campaign is none other than "Pictures of You."

As to which of these developments is more depressing, well, that's a toss-up. Cry away. **GLENN DIXON**

Black Cat, 1811 14th Street NW; Sat., May 1, 9:30 p.m., \$7; 202-667-7960. (U St.-Cardozo)

Grand Champ: DMX may be the toughest hardcore rapper around, but he sure likes that dog.



Our Bear City: Pandamania hits town in the form of giant, colorfully painted bears. Run! Run!



The Food of Love: The Folger Consort cooks up a musical banquet in praise of all things culinary.



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It's Her Turn: 'Clara' Opens

When a talented woman marries a famous composer and he goes extravagantly mad, history tends to focus on the goes-mad-etc. rather than the talented woman. Clara Weick Shumann's composing career was overshadowed by that of her unbalanced husband, Robert Schumann, but Clarice Smith Center and the Maryland Opera Studio are retrospectively righting her legacy with the commissioned opera "Clara."

Clarice Smith Center for the Performing Arts, Route 193 and Stadium Drive, College Park; opens Fri., April 30, through May 8, \$20; 301-405-2787.

D.C. Folk: Nields and Waifs

There are five Nields in this Washington-originated group, not all of them born Nields, but all of them make wonderful, wise folk music and do us proud. They're co-headlining with Australian sister act The Waifs.

Birchmere Music Hall, 3701 Mt. Vernon Ave., Alexandria; Sun., May 2, 7:30 p.m., \$16.50; 703-549-7500.



Nerissa and Katrina are just two of the many folk-singing Nields in one band.

Air Elsie and Other Stories: Jay Leno Reading

Every humorless family is alike, but every wacky family is wacky in its own way. Jay Leno grew up with a tight-fisted Scottish mother, an exuberant Italian father and a cute dog. He recounts his youth in the memoir "If Roast Beef Could Fly," a book and CD for kids; he'll be sharing stories from the book this weekend.

Olsson's, 2111 Wilson Blvd., Arlington; Sat., May 1, 11:30 a.m.; 703-525-4227. (Court House)

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AMERICAN HOT WAX: Rekha came to spinning through community activism; she's lectured at the Smithsonian, run fundraisers and founded a production company.

Rhythm Nation

New York's favorite female Asian-British DJ rocks the house

OUT & ABOUT | Rekha Malhotra would like you to know that "a taste of bhangra" does not involve curry; it involves a visit to the Black Cat this Friday.

Malhotra, a New Yorker better known as DJ Rekha, has led the boom in South Asian dance music since the mid-'90s. Both her Basement Bhangra nights and Mutiny dance parties became required scene-making stops for hip-hop luminaries like OutKast and Jay-Z. The parties also introduced North America to multi-culti acts like Talvin Singh (of Cornershop), Asian Dub Foundation and Panjabi MC.

Bhangra originated as folk dance music in the Punjab region, which straddles the India-Pakistan border. As South Asians formed communities in England, young transplants

discovered the bhangra beat lent itself to hip-hop, house and drum 'n' bass. DJ Rekha, who was born in London and raised in New York, first spun modern bhangra at her Queens College radio station. Before long, she had her own night at the legendary S.O.B.s. nightclub. It became a melting pot for ravers, hip-hoppers and young South Asians.

Rekha is a pioneer not just in Bhangra but also as a woman in the overwhelmingly male world of DJ culture. Her advocacy also includes "Take Back the Decks," a showcase for female DJs or those who want to be. It's a chance for the curious to put hands on the steel wheels, try things out and feel no pressure to compete. But on Friday, it's all about sounds from the global underground and all the different flavors of throwing down.

BOB MASSEY

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Trapeze-oids: Cirque Eloize

That slightly pompous, mystical Canadian circus troupe that uses no animals but performs amazing feats of contortion, acrobatics, juggling and clownmanship is coming to town! Yes, Cirque Eloize is here — what did you think we were going to say? — does superhuman stuff for your amusement this weekend.

GMU Center for the Arts, 4400 University Drive, Fairfax; Sat.-Sun., May 1-2, 8 p.m. (Sat); 2 p.m. (Sun.), \$18-\$36, children 12 and under half price; 703-993-2787.

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PIERRE ARPIN

Eloize employs the basics of the circus spectacle, like showy bicycle tricks.

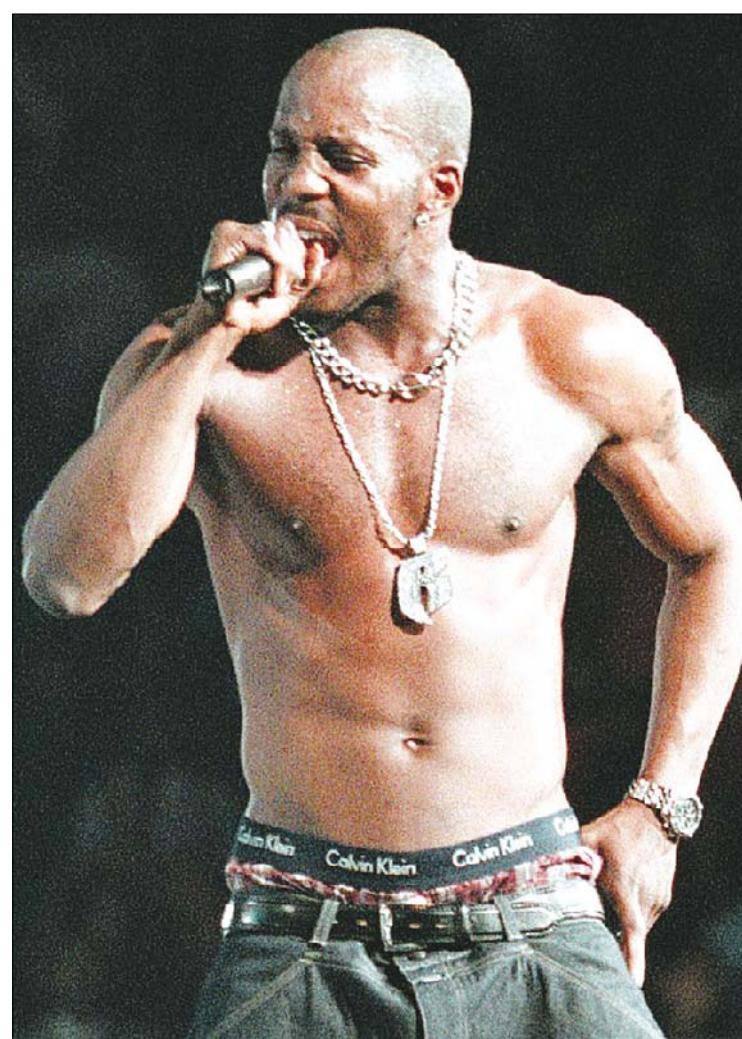
That's right. Even the meanest dog has a belly that wants rubbing sometimes. So DMX makes cartoons. What, are you tough enough to diss him? He's also on tap for a Broadway play, "Cain and Abel." Why not taunt him at Dream this Friday and see what happens?

Not that the hardcore heir to Biggie and Tupac has gone all soft. His recent film, "Never Die Alone," was based on a classic hardboiled blaxploitation novel by Donald Goines. It was semi-autobiographical, not unlike DMX's stories of the hard-knock life.

But on his album "Grand Champ," DMX mixes the tough-talking thug tales with thoughtful odes ("A Yo Kato"), sentimental duets ("Don't Gotta Go Home," with Monica) and bumpin' gospel numbers ("Thank You," featuring Patti LaBelle). Riley Freeman would be appalled at the old dog's new tricks. BOB MASSEY

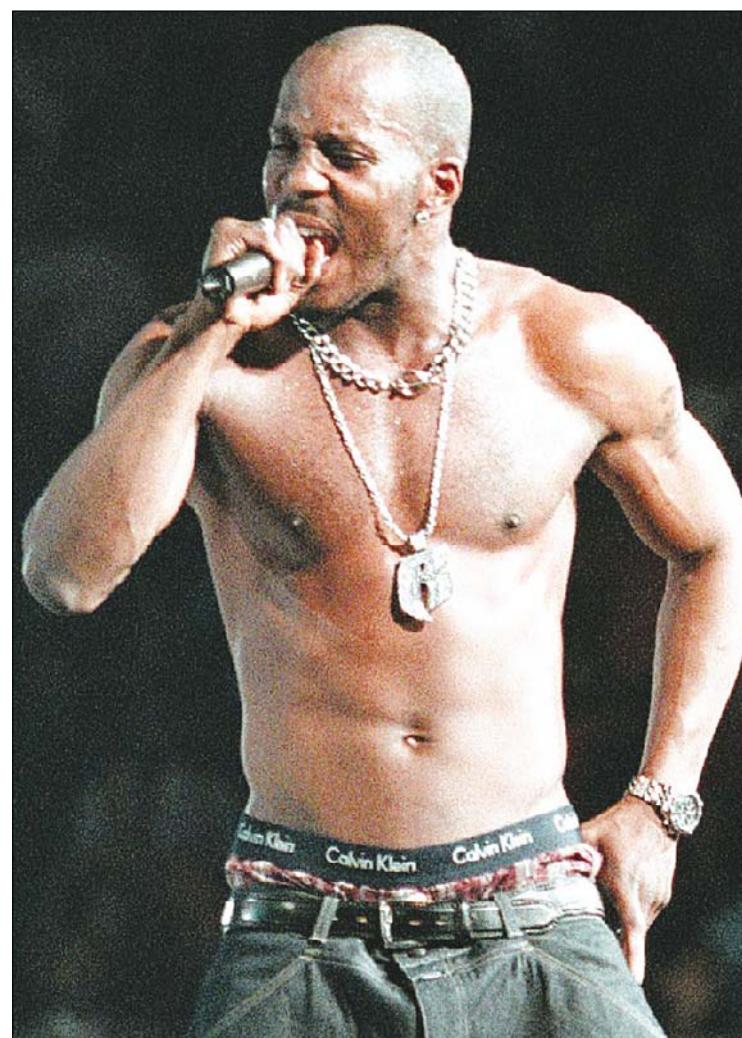
Dream, 1350 Okie St. NE; Fri., April 30, 6 p.m., \$10; 202-636-9030.

MUSIC | DMX growls like a cranky pitbull. Which makes perfect sense. Consider the rapper's intensity, his coiled physique, even his dog-obsessed lyrics. Don't forget the pitbull tattooed on his back. That's Boomer, the inspiration for his forthcoming Saturday morning cartoon.



FRANK JOHNSTON/TWP

BOOMER BABY: From a head-on view of hardcore rap's most notorious practitioner, you wouldn't know the man has a tattoo of his beloved doggie on his back.



Past Times:

Exquisite artifacts in the National Gallery's "Courtly Art of the Ancient Maya" unlock some of the early Mexican kingdom's secrets. | *On Exhibit*

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HEADS UP: Frederick Hitz signs "The Great Game," which compares real vs. fictional spy worlds. Politics & Prose, 5015 Connecticut Ave. NW; Sun., May 2, 5 p.m., free; 202-364-1919.



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Bears on Parade

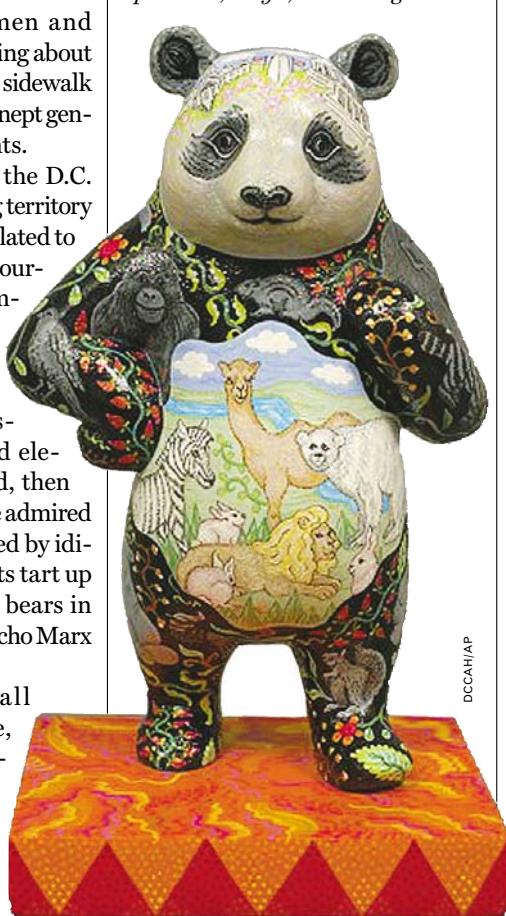
OUT & ABOUT | Those men and women you may see skulking about the city drawing X's on the sidewalk are not the next, plausibly inept generation of espionage agents.

They are members of the D.C. Arts Commission marking territory for the 150 panda statues slated to add whimsy and possibly tourist confusion to the warm-weather season.

Following on the heels of 2002's successful "Party Animals" display — 200 donkeys and elephants colorfully painted, then arrayed about the city to be admired by children and vandalized by idiots — this year local artists tart up these exotic, endangered bears in themes ranging from Groucho Marx to "PandaWarhol."

The project has it all — it's cute, high-profile, public and participatory. And it's cute; did we mention that?

Those who depend on tourism for their livelihood hope that the



DCAH/AP

painted pandas will have gawker appeal; residents of our bear city hope against hope that destructive idiots can keep their hands off them. (EXPRESS)

Various locations around the city; opens Sat., May 1; dcarts.dc.gov.

Polly Wanna What?

Indie starlet Peaches is not healthy for birds and other living things

MUSIC | It's got a good beat, you can dance to it and it'll teach your parakeet all the dirty words he'll ever need to know. Give up? Why, it's the album "The Teaches of Peaches," of course.

When the once and future Merrill Nisker dropped her electrotrash debut a couple of years ago, we hit repeat, tossed a towel over Lester's cage, and went out to run some errands.

Maybe it was the minimalist beatbox grooves. Maybe it was the sampled guitar riffs, turn-table scratching and bursts of white noise. Maybe it was the repetitive, rhythmic chants.

In any case, the former schoolmarm proved an able educator.

By the time we arrived back home with some fresh millet, our budgie was a new bird. Instead of chirping, "Cutie-pie, cutie-pie" all day long, he was cussing like a tranny longshoreman: "[Unprintable verb] the pain away! [Unprintable verb] the pain away!"

Sadly, the 9:30 won't be stamping little Lester's wing when Peaches



FRESH FRUIT: The bedraggled-looking Peaches can shake her own tree, thank you.

performs there Thursday night. Good thing he's got her new CD — now, with more unprintability, right down to its title — to keep him occupied during the show.

Expect Peaches to come prepared with the tricks that earned her admiring sighs in jaded Europe: grinding ferocious electronica up against va-va-voom beats and bel-

owing unladylike refrains just as if she had never dabbled in acoustic folk (oops!). Nisker may have found her groove, and some of it's pretty groovy, but if you ask Lester, he'll just let loose with string of invective.

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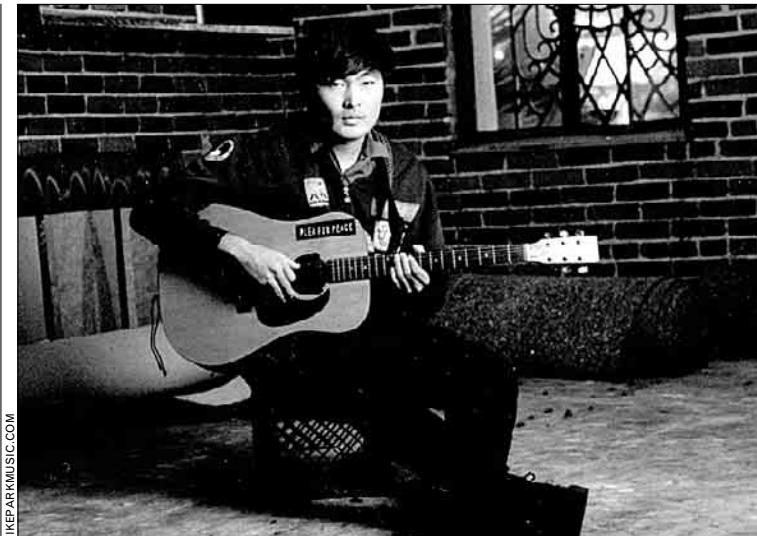
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Park's Peaceful Politics

MUSIC | Mom rolls her eyes. She wonders what the world has come to when kids these days get giddy about a band she thinks is called Skanky Pickle. Back in her day, bands had sensible names. Like Bread, or Vanilla Fudge, or Wild Cherry.

Bet Mom would like Mike Park, though. He was the mastermind behind ska revivalists Skankin' Pickle and the entrepreneur behind Asian Man records. His relatively mom-friendly solo album, "For the Love of Music," departs from his punk past with lots of stripped-down acoustic songs. Themes of aging and family dysfunction leaven Park's more activist tunes, which are primarily about racism.

Park's difficult experiences as a Korean American partly inspired his Plea for Peace Foundation, a charity to promote peace and unity. Friday, his "Plea For Peace" tour hits the nation's capital. In nearly 40 cities, the tour provides a soapbox to talk politics and to promote voter registration among young adults. While Park's progressive leanings



NO LONGER IN A PICKLE: Mike Park left ska for acoustic rock and Plea for Peace.

are pretty clear, concertgoers can register with any party they like right at the show. The point is for younger folks to be counted.

Park has rounded up a bunch of activism-minded friends from the indie rock underground to get the word out. At the D.C. stop the tour features homeboys Darkest Hour and Omaha troubadours Cursive. In

true DIY spirit, the tour plays only venues not owned by entertainment megalith Clear Channel. (Hello, 9:30 Club.)

Could Mom roll her eyes about a show promoting good citizenship? We think not. BOB MASSEY

9:30 Club, 815 V St. NW; Fri., Apr. 30, 8 p.m., \$14; 202-265-0930. (U St.-Cardozo)

ROAD TRIP | ROW, ROW, ROW YOUR SOCK



TOM JONES

LIGHT CRAFT: Even for the Kinetic Sculpture Race, there are rules: All works of art racing across mud, sand and water must be human-powered and must hold a homemade sock creature. American Visionary Art Museum, 800 Key Hwy., Baltimore, Md.; Sat., May 1, free; avam.org/kinetic.

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What She Is: **Edie Brickell Back**

Pretty, willfully naïve singer-songwriter Edie Brickell took time out after her 1991 hit "What I Am" to have Paul Simon's babies. She's back, still pretty and we hope less naïve.

Birchmere Music Hall, 3701 Mt. Wilson Ave., Alexandria; Sat., May 1, 8 p.m., \$22.50; 703-549-7500.



Brickell can write a winsome boho ditty, but it's time to let maturity shine.

OUT & ABOUT | TOLERANCE TOUR



ROBERTO RODRIGUEZ/AP

HISTORY AFLOAT: The Amistad, a copy of the topsail schooner that was the scene of a slave uprising, docks in D.C. through May 9 to help promote discussion of unity and tolerance. 600 Water St. SW; arrival ceremony Fri., April 30, 11 a.m.; sunset sails nightly 6:30-8:30 p.m., \$25; 866-7823 ext. 13.

Looting Ain't Easy

LECTURE | Not buying the patriotic pimpin' of Ludacris or the bone-marrow-drive activism of Nelly? Then you're in need of a history lesson. Just because a fellow be thuggin' doesn't mean he can't give back to the community.

Take pirate-naturalist William Dampier (1652-1715). Friday night at the S. Dillon Ripley Center, historian Diana Preston talks up the enlightened brigand in a Smithsonian Resident Associates program.

Penned by Preston and her husband, Michael, "A Pirate of Exquisite Mind" draws its title from an appreciation by Samuel Taylor Coleridge.

The book promises to restore the reputation of a man who, yes, may have liberated the possessions of unfortunates flying under the Spanish flag, but who also thrice



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THUG LIFE: Dampier, the learned pirate.

circumnavigated the globe, wrote books that helped inspire "Gulliver's Travels" and "Robinson Crusoe" and collected more than 1,000 words cited in the Oxford English Dictionary.

Traveling to the Galapagos 150 years before Darwin, Dampier came first upon the notion of the "sub-species." Sailing the South Seas 80 years before Cook, he spied the breadfruit that launched the voyages of Captain Bligh.

Though it is said that Dampier, also an expert hydrographer, was a scientist for the ages, his approach to funding his explorations was perhaps best suited to his own time.

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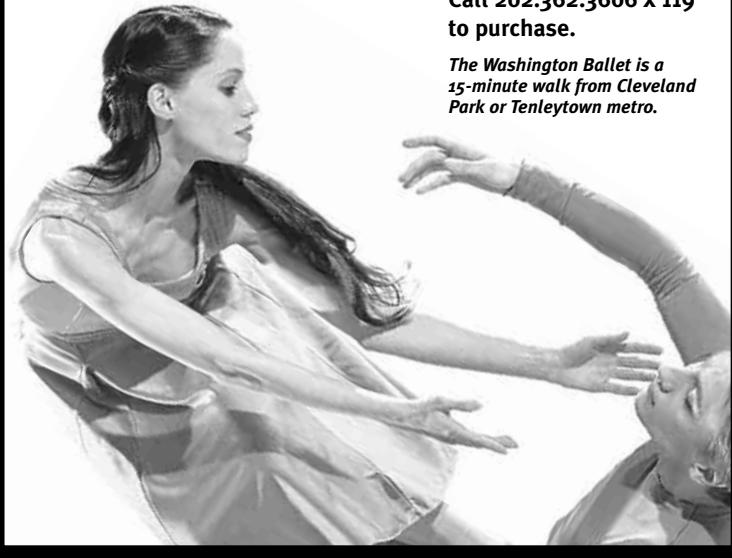
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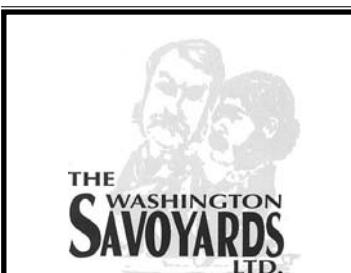
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THE MATRIX RECAST: Ken Las Vegas, second from left, and pals see the future.

D.C. Kings Put Gender In a Blender

OUT & ABOUT | The National Conference on Gender marches into town this weekend for three days of gender politics, strategy and policy, a worthy and — *hang on, we'll get to that* — a worthy and vital cause.

Thanks to GenderPAC, activists, parents and youth will work together to lobby Capitol Hill — *in a minute!* — and attend conferences, workshops and celebratory soirees.

But — *yes, finally* — what you want to hear about is the Great Big International Drag King Show 4.

On Saturday night, 9:30 Club opens its doors to a night of genderliciousness. First, there's an early evening Stand Up for Gender Rights party with comedians Judy Gold and Kyle Grooms.

Later, GPAC and local emperor among drag kings Ken Las Vegas bring you the GBIDKS 4, the featured night of entertainment for the conference. Kings from all over sing, dance, strut their stuff and generally make viewers forget there ever was such a question as "Are you a girl or are you a boy?" (EXPRESS)

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OUT & ABOUT | Spawed from Russell Simmons's late-night HBO show "Def Poetry Jam," the jam on Broadway brings the best of its best lyrical laments to D.C.'s Warner Theatre this weekend.

It was the early '80s when Simmons introduced the world to Run-DMC, who went on to become rap's first crossover act. Now, Simmons seems resolved to do the same with another underappreciated art form: poetry. (Warning: these are not your grandma's Walt Whitman or Emily Dickinson verses.)

DPJ is where Virginia Woolf

meets Mary J. Blige; where Langston Hughes meets Ludacris. A consistent and enjoyable mix of hip-hop and lyrical slams, DPJ boasts satisfied audiences — from the Kennedy Center type to the 9:30 crowd.

Rooted in great literature and a second cousin to rap, slam poetry speaks to the masses, delivering messages in a format today's



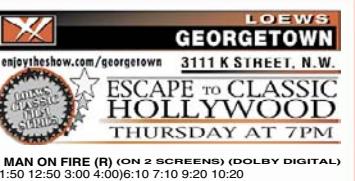
book-shy society can take in.

The Jam's featured poets demonstrate an acute awareness of language and a highly stylized hip-hop finesse. (Kanye West, guard your cookies: Any one of these poets could be hip-hop's next production machine.)

DPJ's poets demand not only that you hear them but also that you listen. Washingtonians, please, lend them your ears. DARONA WILLIAMS

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Ode on a Local Event

OUT & ABOUT | Songs of food and drink inspired the Folger Shakespeare Library's "Musical Banquet," a night of songs dedicated to things culinary, and the anticipated evening inspired a poem:

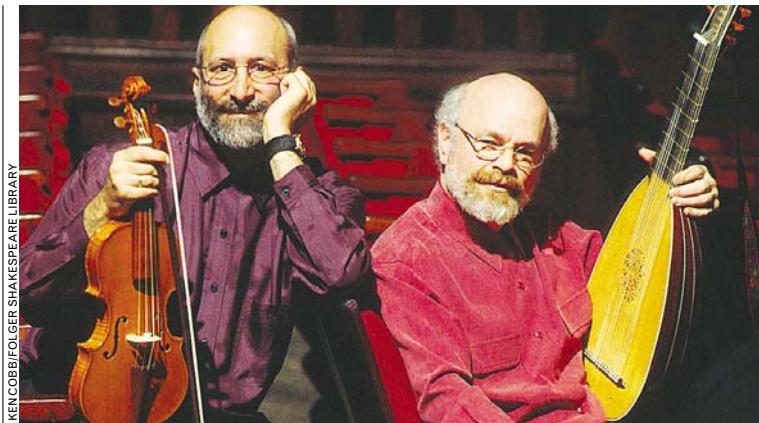
It's true there is no pork without the swine,
Whose look betrays no clue of
yummy sausage.
So too the harmless grape becomes the wine
Whose sweet seduction holds
the tummy hostage.

A metaphor for love hides there someplace.

The Folger Consort excavates what I missed
With concert, word and songs for the stuff'd face.
To "eat, drink and be merry" is their gist.

Love odes can be aim'd at cheese, wine or pork,
As well as lovely ladies in hot dresses,
Though ladies mostly don't require a fork
Or corkscrew — just a suitor who impresses.

(The stomach is the pathway to the heart



CHEESY MUSIC: Folger Consort musicians are hungry for old-time paeans to food.

Of men, though. Hence the Folger Consort's art.)

The Consort gets medieval on guitar,
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Their twelve CDs get played on NPR;
They're no P. Diddy but we'll let 'em slide.

Drinking songs translate across the ages,

When you hear the word "mead" just think Cristal.
So gluttony gets paid back with sinners' wages,
The point is that the living had a ball.

Some hair of the canine to cool the brain

That throbs the morning after from the pain
Is better medicine than lousy sonnets.

Oh by the way, just so they'll think you're on it:

"To eat and drink for we may die tomorrow"

Was penned not by Dave Matthews but Chris Marlowe.

SAM GRUBER, AS TOLD TO BOB MASSEY
Folger Shakespeare Library, 201 E. Capitol St. SE; Fri.-Sun., April 30-May 2, pre-concert discussion 7 p.m. Fri.; 8 p.m. (Fri.-Sat.); 5 p.m. (Sat); 2 p.m. (Sun.), \$27; 202-544-7077. (Capital South)

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RECENTLY REVIEWED IN THE WASHINGTON POST

SOUTH BEACH CAFE

(7904 Woodmont Ave., Bethesda; 301-718-9737. Metro: Bethesda) — More space, a sunset decor and a surer hand in the kitchen have given this relocated Floribbean cafe a cleaner, more confident and increasingly accessible style. Among good dishes: the bourbon-molasses pork, the glaze crusted on and given a second surge of flavor by a Caribbean barbecue sauce; carefully tended salmon; sweet and simple mussels; vegetarian change-ups like the asparagus tempura with grilled peppers; and whenever possible, stone crab claws. Entrees \$15.50-\$28.50. EVE ZIBART (REVIEWED APRIL 25, 2003)



Savor the sugar cane skewered shrimp at Bethesda's South Beach Cafe.

SAVEUR

(2218 Wisconsin Ave. NW; 202-333-5885) — The understudy for a hot spot, just waiting for the big break, and per-

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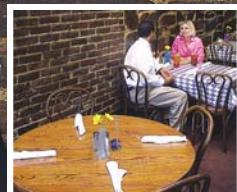
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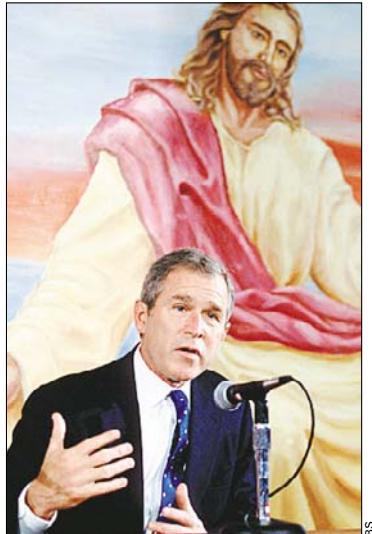
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FAITH AND LEADERSHIP | "Frontline" (9 p.m., PBS) examines President Bush's religious faith in "The Jesus Factor." The documentary devotes roughly equal time to the personal and political ramifications of Bush's very public embrace of religion.

The first half discusses how Bush turned to Bible study and had a "born again" experience while he was wrestling with alcohol addiction and marital problems.

The second half shows how young Bush helped his father, an Episcopalian, reach out to America's Evangelical population, and that Bush's experiences on presidential campaigns showed him how an appeal to religious voters could



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succeed in Texas and beyond.

"Jesus" suggests that Bush may be the most openly religious president in generations, but it fails to discuss religion in other presidents.

Bush is said to have told a Southern Baptist convention, "I believe God wants me to be president." He has spoken of democracy as "God's gift" and has used biblical passages in his speeches that liken America's mission to that of Christ's.

This rhetoric, and the Bush Administration's funding of faith-based agencies, delights some and disturbs others in the religious community. KEVIN MCDONOUGH (UNITED)

Community: Review

ON TV TONIGHT

SECRETS OF CHEATERS

According to tonight's **PRIMETIME** (10 p.m., ABC), high school students are employing serious technology to plagiarize essays and steal tests — "shopping" for essays on Web sites, using mobile phone cameras to share questions and answers with friends. "PrimeTime" helped set up a survey/sting at a leading public high school to determine how often students engage in cyber-plagiarism. Correspondent Charles Gibson interviews students, teachers and ethicists about the battle between academic integrity and gadget-driven dishonesty.



The cast of "Will & Grace" clings to comely guest star Lopez for dear life.

YEAH, LIKE THAT'LL HELP

WILL & GRACE (9:05 p.m., NBC) Jennifer Lopez guests on the season finale.

CULT CHOICE

WRITTEN ON THE WIND (8 p.m., WE). Rock Hudson and Lauren Bacall in Douglas Sirk's 1956 oil-patch potboiler. KEVIN MCDONOUGH (UNITED FEATURE SYNDICATE)

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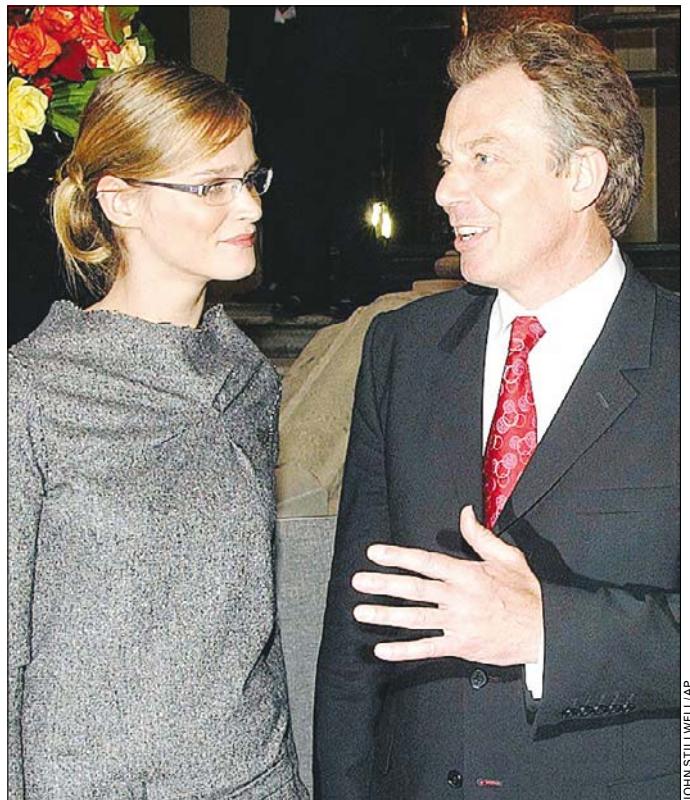
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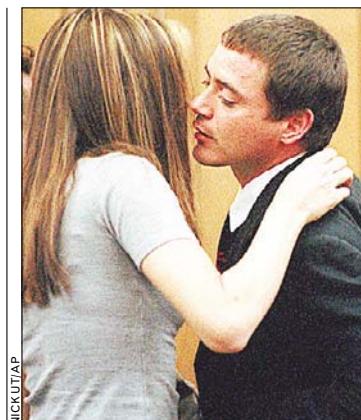
Are Those Glasses Real?

Estonian supermodel and European Parliament candidate **CARMEN KASS** was one of 400 new friends invited to a "Meet the Neighbours" party in London welcoming the 10 countries that joined the EU on Saturday. British Prime Minister **TONY BLAIR** mingled with a bespectacled, tweedy Kass, actress Rachel Weiss (representing Hungary — her father was a Hungarian inventor) and other luminaries from, or at least vaguely tied to, the new EU nations. (EXPRESS)

SPLITS

The 'Gothika' Curse

ROBERT DOWNEY JR.'s marriage to actress-singer **DEBORAH FALCONER** is ending in divorce. Papers were filed Monday in Los Angeles Superior Court, Alan Nierob, a spokesman said Tuesday. The couple, who were married in 1992 and have a son, Indio, had been separated. The Oscar-nominated Downey, 39, is already engaged to Susan Levin, a producer of the 2003 film "Gothika," in which Downey co-starred with Halle Berry. Who also recently filed for divorce. Coincidence? (AP)



"Mmmmm, her hair smells like cocaine," Robert thought as he kissed Deborah.

LITIGATION

Bad Nannies Strike Again

DOLORES O'RIORDAN, lead singer of The Cranberries, emerged triumphant from court Wednesday after a Dublin judge largely dismissed a lawsuit filed by the singer's one-time nanny. The judge rejected Joy Fahy's major claims for breach of contract and false imprisonment. Fahy claimed that Don Burton, O'Riordan's husband, had promised to give her a down payment on an apartment and a new Jeep Cherokee if she agreed to care for their toddler son. False imprisonment? She claimed she had to barricade herself in a room to get away from a verbally abusive Burton. (AP)



Hear Dolores on the "Songs Inspired by 'The Passion of the Christ'" CD.

HONORS

Guess You Gotta Have Faith

GEORGE MICHAEL was named king of the airwaves Wednesday, topping a survey of the most-played artists on British radio over the past 20 years. Michael, who began his career as half of Wham! two decades ago, beat Elton John to the top spot in the list. Michael was due to receive an

award for his achievement from the Radio Academy later Wednesday. "I can't believe it," the 40-year-old singer said. "I've only made six albums in 22 years so I don't know how this happened. I'm the luckiest writer on earth." (AP)



PROMISES

We've Been Burned by Cher Too Many Times to Buy This

ELLEN DEGENERES swears she's not going on a stand-up tour again, even though her fans may want her to. "My last tour really was my last tour. I

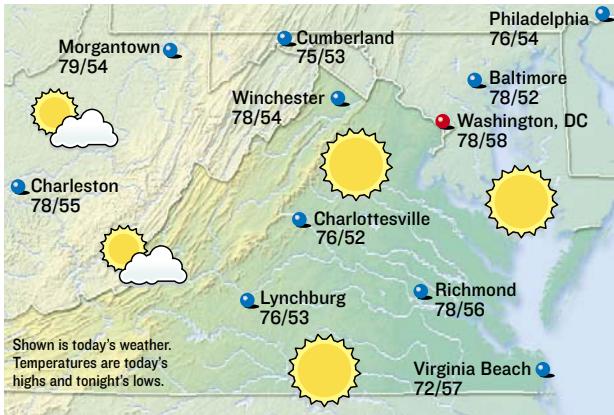


didn't make an announcement like Cher did, but it was my last tour. I won't be doing standup anymore," she said recently in Burbank, Calif. DeGeneres said it takes too much effort to rehearse and write stand-up material. Her final 35-city tour, called "Here and Now," was taped for an HBO special last year and is currently available on DVD. (AP)

5 Day Forecast for the Washington Area

Today	Tonight	Friday	Saturday	Sunday	Monday
Sunny, becoming warmer 78°	Mostly clear, milder 58°	Mostly sunny, breezy, warm 80° / 60°	Partly sunny, thunderstorm possible 80° / 62°	Cloudy, showers, thunderstorm 72° / 52°	Variably cloudy, cooler 68° / 48°

Regional Weather



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Washington, D.C., through 4 p.m. Wed.

Temperature

High	62°
Low	40°
Normal high	70°
Normal low	50°
Average humidity	36%

Precipitation

24 hours ending 4 p.m.	0.01"
Month to date	3.84"
Normal month to date	2.57"
Year to date	9.56"
Last year to date	16.01"
Normal year to date	12.12"

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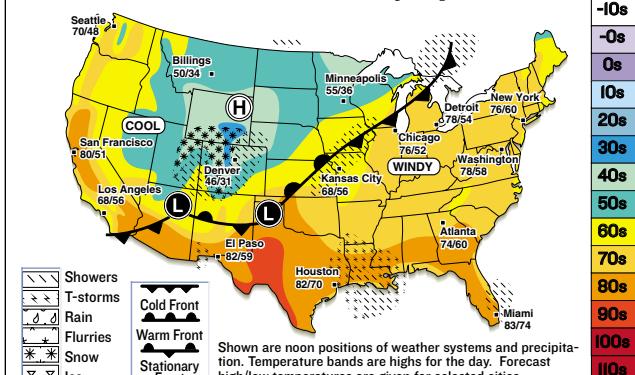
D.C. Metro: Today, sunny, breezy, warmer afternoon. High 78. Wind southwest 8-15 mph. Tonight, mostly clear. Low 52 in the suburbs to 58 in the city.

Sun and Moon

Sunrise today	6:13 a.m.
Sunset tonight	7:59 p.m.
Moonrise today	2:16 p.m.
Moonset today	3:41 a.m.

Full	Last	New	First
May 4	May 11	May 19	May 27

National Weather for Thursday, April 29



National Cities

City	Today Hi/Lo/W	Fri. Hi/Lo/W	City	Today Hi/Lo/W	Fri. Hi/Lo/W
Atlanta	74/60/s	73/60/t	Amsterdam	58/54/sh	65/56/sh
Boston	74/56/s	79/56/s	Athens	66/52/pc	68/51/pc
Chicago	76/52/t	64/51/sh	Berlin	68/53/c	74/59/pc
Dallas	80/68/t	82/58/t	Buenos Aires	66/45/sh	63/43/s
Denver	46/31/r	44/32/r	Calgary	56/30/pc	52/26/pc
Honolulu	82/68/pc	84/70/sh	Dublin	52/41/pc	55/41/sh
Los Angeles	68/56/pc	77/56/pc	Geneva	62/51/t	61/47/sh
Miami	83/74/t	84/73/t	Moscow	52/30/c	53/34/c
New York City	76/60/s	76/60/s	Rome	65/43/sh	67/50/sh
Orlando	82/66/t	84/68/t	Sydney	63/46/t	69/47/c
Seattle	70/48/s	76/50/s	Tokyo	67/57/s	74/60/s

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Playback

Letters

TO THE EDITOR

LIKE MOST PEOPLE who write in, I am offended by nearly everything. I am "outraged" by photos that accurately depict events of violence, poverty or other hardships in foreign countries. Opinions that differ from my own are simply "disgusting." Also, captions that are intended to be funny I generally find to be repulsive, regardless of how benign they actually are.

In the future, please try not to print any real issues that may offend people like me. Focus instead on celebrity fashion, trendy new restaurants and reality TV shows. This will enable me to remain oblivious to important current events and sheltered from the opinions of others.

—JARED THIGPEN
Washington, D.C.

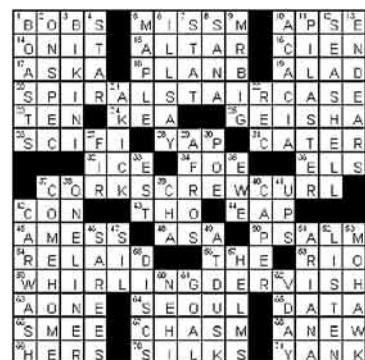
CONSERVATIVES PREDICTED that the media would act as the unofficial public relations department for the March for Women's Lives. They also predicted that the rally would draw a disproportionate amount of attention in the press, especially when compared to coverage given the March for Life. Turns out, their predictions were accurate.

—KIMBERLY LACKEY
Washington, D.C.

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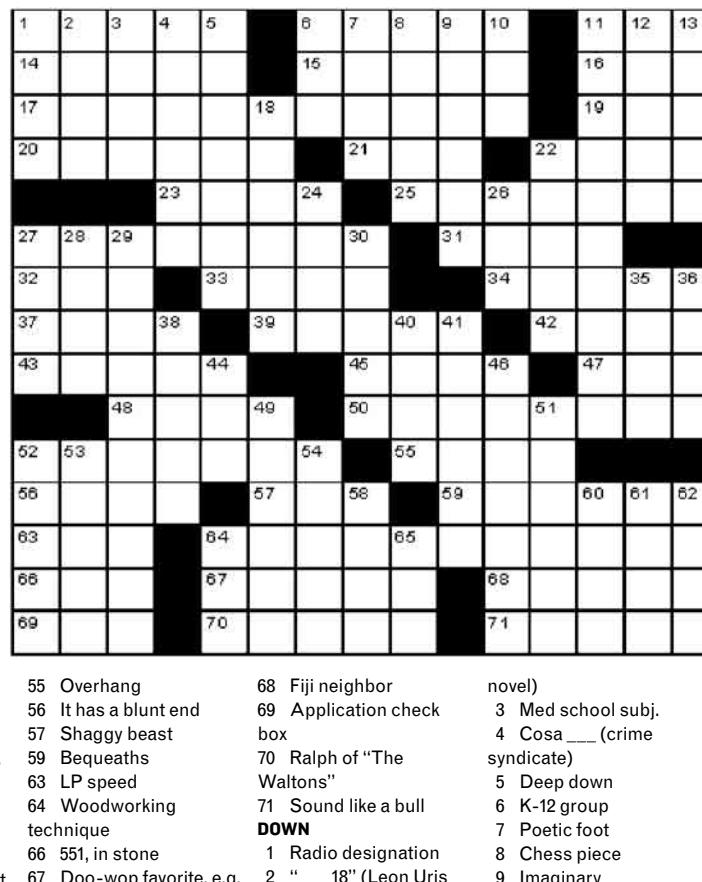
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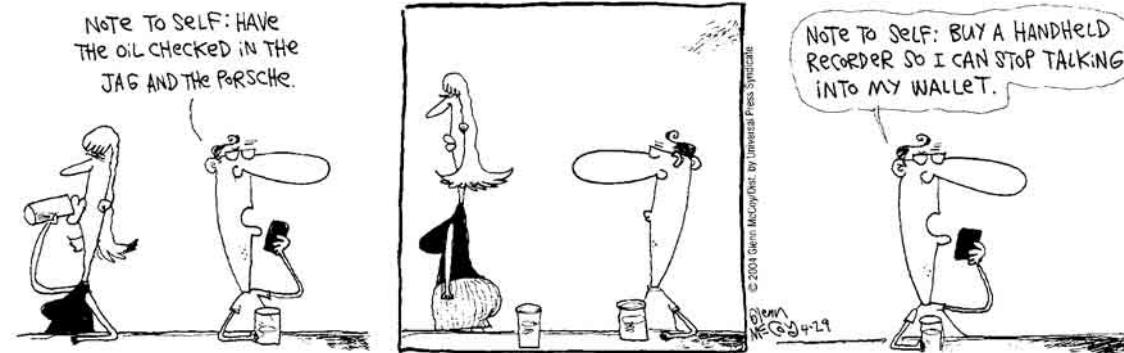
ACROSS

- 1 Appliance maker
- 6 Provoke
- 11 Second Amendment rights org.
- 14 North Dakota city
- 15 Mock
- 16 "Dig in!"
- 17 It's used in dimly lit conditions
- 19 Tokyo, formerly
- 20 Country singer Kathy
- 21 Word with honey or spelling
- 22 Norse god
- 23 Mortgage consideration
- 25 Actress Wood
- 27 Circus impresario
- 31 Perform high-tech surgery
- 32 Communal word
- 33 Storied plantation?
- 34 Blink of an eye
- 37 Stuffed shirt
- 39 First word follower of 17, 64-Across and 11, 29-Down
- 42 Father
- 43 Two-masted vessels
- 45 Within earshot
- 47 D.C. VIP
- 48 Get but good
- 50 Tangles
- 52 Beehive and bouffant



- 10 Greek letter
- 11 Gar
- 12 Spokes
- 13 Send a note of apology, e.g.
- 18 Snooze
- 22 Desert refuge
- 24 Mark successor
- 26 Muslim cap
- 27 Floral arrangement
- 28 Salad type
- 29 Betty Crocker product
- 30 Neighbor of Quebec
- 35 Complimentary
- 36 Longings
- 38 Strident sound
- 40 Hawaiian goose
- 41 Tex-Mex snack
- 44 Caesar's first name
- 46 Goes back
- 49 Chicago university
- 51 Add flavor to
- 52 Zebra groups
- 53 Jobs site?
- 55 Overhang
- 56 It has a blunt end
- 57 Shaggy beast
- 59 Bequeaths
- 63 LP speed
- 64 Woodworking technique
- 66 551, in stone
- 67 Doo-wop favorite, e.g.
- 68 Fiji neighbor
- 69 Application check box
- 70 Ralph of "The Waltons"
- 71 Sound like a bull
- DOWN
- 1 Radio designation
- 2 "___ 18" (Leon Uris)
- 3 Med school subj.
- 4 Cosa ___ (crime syndicate)
- 5 Deep down
- 6 K-12 group
- 7 Poetic foot
- 8 Chess piece
- 9 Imaginary
- 54 Mecca resident
- 58 Make a sweater
- 60 Chianti, e.g.
- 61 MIT grad, maybe
- 62 Bridge relative
- 64 Container of fresh milk
- 65 Ball prop

The Duplex | Glenn McCoy



Horoscope | Stella Wilder

TAURUS (April 20-May 20) — Pleasant and peaceful is for you; steer clear of any situation that shows signs of volatility. The evening brings a golden opportunity.

GEMINI (May 21-June 20) — You can enjoy more than your share of fun, but you must get your work done first. Now is not the time to set things aside.

CANCER (June 21-July 22) — You may feel as though you're just one step behind the crowd — and you may well be. It's up to you, and only you, to get going.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22) — If you're feeling a little under the weather, you must try to keep a stiff upper lip. But don't overcompensate.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22) — Share what you

have to offer willingly and you can effectively avoid any kind of professional jealousies further on down the line.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 22) — Take care you aren't too self-confident or too self-reliant; a little help from others around you can give you just the boost you need.

SCORPIO (Oct. 23-Nov. 21) — This is a good day to entertain those you invite into your home, for your imaginative approach to the routine will be appreciated.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21) — You'll be given more responsibility than expected — and you should be able to perform flawlessly. Rewards are in the offing.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19) — A portion

of your day must be spent analyzing your current situation more closely than you have. Answers come fast and furiously.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18) — Be flexible in matters of the heart. Sit back and listen — to what that special someone says and doesn't say. Love is a two-way street.

PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20) — Practicality is a must, particularly where conflicting needs and a sudden desire are concerned. Don't get too far off base.

ARIES (March 21-April 19) — Someone close to you may be tempted to say I told you so — but before you hear it you can make amends and reverse any negative trends.

LIVE ONLINE

Kristofferson

From washingtonpost.com/liveonline

Songwriter, actor and former helicopter pilot **KRIS KRISTOFFERSON** was online Wednesday to discuss his career in music.

Is "Bobby McGee" a boy or a girl?

Depends on who's singing it. When I'm singing it, she's a girl. When Janis Joplin was singing it, it was a boy. It was about a secretary for Fred Foster, who owned Monument Records, named Bobby McGee.

There have been many stories about how you met Johnny Cash, which one is right? Did you land a helicopter in his yard one day?

That isn't the way I met him, but I did do that once. I met him backstage at the Opry when I was still in the Army. I got to know him when I was working as a janitor in the studio where he worked. I briefly joined the National Guard to make some money and was flying a National Guard helicopter and landed in his yard to get his attention. He didn't shoot me out of the sky, but he didn't record my songs for a while.

What do you think of the recording industry targeting Internet users who trade copyrighted songs?

I am so far out of the loop as any business things go and my kids are the only ones in the house that run computers. I have no idea what we're talking about here. It's out of my hands. It's up to somebody else. Thank God.

Do you ever feel that celebrity has gotten in the way of being able to express yourself as an artist?

The demands that celebrity makes on you turn to just time and attention. But it's not something you complain about because it just comes with the territory.

I don't think I had any idea how invasive celebrity can be on your life, but it's worth it if you love what you're doing. It's stupid to be up on a stage complaining about being a celebrity. It's like a boxer complaining about the other guy hitting him.

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